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### **Remarks**

Reconsideration of this Application is respectfully requested.

Claims 1-31 are pending in the application, with claims 1, 14, 18, 27, and 31 being the independent claims. Claims 1-8, 10-24, and 26-31 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 6,226,752 to Gupta et. al. (hereinafter "Gupta") in view of U.S. Publication No. 2005/0216421 to Barry et. al. (hereinafter "Barry"). Claims 9 and 25 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Gupta in view of Barry and further in view of U.S. Publication No. 2001/0027527 to Khidekel et. al. (hereinafter "Khidekel").

Based on the following Remarks, Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner reconsider all outstanding rejections and that they be withdrawn.

**I. Claims 1-8, 10-24, and 26-31 are patentable over Gupta in view of Barry.**

Claims 1-8, 10-24, and 26-31 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Gupta in view of Barry. For the following reasons, this rejection is respectfully traversed.

Claims 1 and 14 recite a generic system comprising a server coupled to a database of configuration information about a login process for the target application. Neither Gupta nor Barry, taken alone or in combination, disclose or suggest this recitation. Gupta discloses an external login server for authenticating users of application servers. See Col. 6, ll. 63-64. Unlike a generic system that integrates target applications and authentication systems, Gupta's login server *is an authentication system*. Col. 6, ll. 54-67. For at least because Gupta fails to disclose a generic system with a database of configuration information, Gupta fails to disclose or suggest applicant's invention.

Claims 6, 16, 22, and 29 recite obtaining from the database configuration information defining a natural language. Though Examiner cites Columns 2 and 3, nowhere does Gupta disclose or suggest obtaining a natural language from database configuration information defining a natural language. While it is true that to display a web page, at least some portion of

Gupta must use a natural language, Gupta nonetheless fails to disclose or suggest obtaining from the database configuration information defining a natural language.

Claims 7, 17, 23, and 30 recite obtaining from the database configuration information defining and outbound parameter and sending the outboard parameter to the target application once the authentication system has authenticated the user. Gupta fails to disclose or suggest such an ability. Gupta may describe the use of an external authentication system but it fails to disclose or suggest a generic system that can be used with multiple authentication systems and obtaining from the database configuration information defining and outbound parameter and sending the outboard parameter to the target application once the authentication system has authenticated the user.

Claims 18, 27, and 31 recite entering configuration information about a user login process into a database, maintaining a database of configuration information about a login process, and retrieving the configuration information from the database to conduct the login process, respectively. Gupta fails to disclose or suggest a generic system and therefore fails to disclose or suggest a database storing configuration information regarding a user login process.

To correct the deficiencies in Gupta, the Examiner turns to Barry, however Barry fails to disclose or suggest the features of the present invention.

Claims 1 and 14 recite an administrative application for creating and editing the configuration information. Claim 18 recites a graphical user interface presenting a series of pages of configuration options. Claims 27 and 31 recite a graphical user interface to generate the configuration information to define the login process and to select configuration options to define a login process respectively. Barry fails to disclose or suggest a graphical interface to create or select configuration information. Barry describes a graphical system to administer telecommunication systems. See paragraph 122. Though Barry's system may contain an authentication system, paragraphs 179-180, it does not disclose or suggest a generic system to integrate a plurality of applications and authentication servers. The system in Barry is built for a single use in the networkMCI Interact application and, as such, Barry does not disclose or suggest editing configuration information regarding login information. Paragraphs 205 to 207 in Barry do not teach editing configuration files.

Claims 8 and 24 recite a graphical user interface which includes listing active and inactive target applications integrated with the authentication system. Barry utilizes a central point of access for users (see Dispatch Server 26 on Figure 2) and uses the StarOE server in authenticating users. See paragraphs 137 and 139. The system of Barry is specialized, not a generic system, and makes use of a list of entitlements. Barry fails to disclose a list of active and inactive targets as his system is wholly internal and operates with a central authorization server that grants entitlements, as opposed to a generic system operating between application and authentication servers.

Claims 10 and 26 recite at least one page for importing and exporting authentication integration projects. This feature is not disclosed or suggested by Barry as Barry is self-contained telecommunications management system. See paragraph 122. Barry has no need for, and indeed does not disclose or suggest, importing and exporting authentication integration projects.

Additionally, Applicant respectfully requests that Examiner consider the propriety of combining the two references. Gupta represents a prior art effort to externalize authentication services from application servers. Barry, on the other hand, represents an effort to combine multiple services into a single access point with internal authentication. Moreover, Barry operates with an internal server that not only authenticates users, but may also issue entitlements from an internal authentication server. See Paragraphs 144 and 201. The authentication server of Gupta does not distribute entitlements and combining Gupta with an internal system that uses entitlements would be improper.

Finally, even if combined, Gupta and Barry would still not disclose or suggest a generic system for integrating authentication and application systems. Barry utilizes a specialized list of entitlements for access to services. This application-specific list would be improper with any other application or service beyond the networkMCI Interact application.

Because Gupta and Barry fail to disclose or suggest a generic system for integrating a target application to an authentication system, claims 1-8, 9-24, and 26-31 are allowable over Gupta in view of Barry. Claims 2-8, 10-13, 15-24, 26, 28-30 depend from claims 1, 14, 27, and 31 and are allowable for at least these reasons. Therefore, Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner withdraw the rejection of claims 1-31.

**II. Claims 9 and 25 are patentable over Gupta in view of Barry in further view of Khidekel.**

Claims 9 and 25 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Gupta in view of Barry in further view of Khidekel. For the following reasons, this rejection is respectfully traversed.

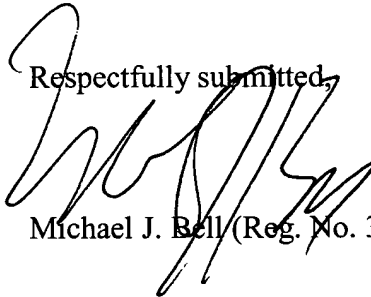
As noted above, Gupta in view of Barry fails to disclose the features found in Claims 1-8, 10-24, and 26-31. Khidekel fails to disclose a generic system to integrate an authentication system with a plurality of application servers.

Because the combination of Gupta, Barry and Khidekel fails to disclose or suggest a generic system for integrating authentication systems and application systems, claims 9 and 25 are allowable over Gupta in view of Barry further in view of Khidekel. Therefore, Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner withdraw the rejection of claims 9 and 25.

***Conclusion***

All of the stated grounds of objection and rejection have been properly traversed, accommodated, or rendered moot. Applicant therefore respectfully requests that the Examiner reconsider all presently outstanding objections and rejections and that they be withdrawn. Applicant believes that a full and complete response has been made to the outstanding Office Action and, as such, the present application is in condition for allowance. If the Examiner believes, for any reason, that personal communication will expedite prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at the number provided.

Prompt and favorable consideration of this Reply is respectfully requested.

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